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Wm L Garrison. Dear (and esteemed Brother.
Enclosed are $4,00 for the Liberator for the year '65. In sending the fifty cents above the sum you put the paper at, it must not be understood that I am able to pay that amount, but I have a principle in all I do, and the Liberator at ten dollars a year, is the cheapest paper in the world. I have done but little for the Liberator, but it has done a vast ~~good~~ amount of good for me. No matter what the sum I send I shall die indebted to it. I deeply regret that any one should call it a political paper. It is not so.

My Dear Brother, history will vindicate your course as the true one. And there are now living, many true and noble souls who see with enclouded vision that your ideas are absolutely necessary to the world's salvation. I do not agree with those who have so much to say against Mr Lincoln. To the excelent letter of H C Wright In the last Liberator, I respond an earnest Amen. Will Bro Wright come and spend a week with me. He shall find a free and open house, and a people who need his words of salvation.

And now a word about the discontinuance of the Liberator.

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I am not willing that the Liberator should stop at all. I think I have seen for sometime a young man well qualified to take the place of his father, when that fathers work ~~work~~ is done.
Wether the paper shall be called the "Elevator", remains to be seen. We shall still need a great many Liberators, in the present state of the peoples minds When the black man has equal rights with every other man, then we shall be still ~~a~~ deeply interested in, an jeloous of his rights. But I must say a word on another subject. Mr Garrison, I am still for war. I have a great love for our dear friend Wendell Phillips. I like his keen an searching criticisms of public men, though I do not agree with all he says. I am looking more to Jefferson Davis, than Lincoln or Grant, for salvation. As a nation we are yet unwilling to do justice to the black man. Gov Coney's message to the Legislature is a poor affair in comparison to Gov Andrews of Mass. But the adress of the President of the Senate, has the true ring to it. I wish I could say as much of the adress of the speaker of the House. I regret to say that Maine is but little abolitionized yet. Yours, till the end of the conflict,

Seward Mitchell

Corneille Jan 15th '65